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### **DECEMBER 10, 2002 BOARD MEETING - AGENDA ITEM NO. 32 FINAL MAPS - TRACT NOS. 49899-01 AND 49899 BRIDGE REVIEW - NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CLEARANCE**

At the December 3, 2002, Board hearing, the Board continued Item 60, the approval of the final maps for Tract Nos. 49899-01 and 49899, for one week and requested that additional information be provided on two issues. The following report includes input from Regional Planning, County Counsel, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.

The first issue is a history of the approvals for the proposed bridge over Triunfo Creek that provides access from these Tracts to Mulholland Drive. The following highlights the activities associated with the bridge approval:

- Hydraulic calculations for the location, span, and clearance of a bridge to serve a single-family residence were approved by Public Works on April 23, 1991. Location, span, and clearance establishes minimum requirements to evaluate impacts on the floodway in terms of water surface elevation and velocity. The hydraulic analysis indicated a minimum distance between abutments of 228.5 feet.
- Using the approved location, span, and clearance, structural design plans for the bridge were reviewed and accepted by Public Works on September 21, 1993. The length of this bridge is 253.94 feet. Public Works required that the approved bridge plans be revised to reflect the modifications to the building code for seismic requirements. The revised plans were signed by Public Works on August 30, 1999.
- In a letter dated August 3, 1991, the Army Corps of Engineers indicated that the proposed bridge complies with the terms and conditions of the nationwide permit. No individual permit is required for this bridge. In a letter dated March 19, 2002, the Corps indicated that the bridge construction complies with the nationwide permit.

- On September 12, 1991, Regional Planning received the Biological Resources of the Bata/Brown Sites Report for Tentative Tract No. 49899 prepared by Independent Environmental Consultants. Discussion of the impact of the development included a project description mentioning the bridge. The responses to comments on Biological Resources Report discusses bridge impacts in more depth specifically related to wildlife movement. These documents were included in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review of the proposed project and are supporting materials to the Mitigated Negative Declaration approved for the project.
- On September 27, 1991, the Department of Fish and Game issued an Agreement Regarding Proposed Stream or Lake Alteration for the proposed bridge construction. This Agreement has recently been extended and the current expiration date is December 31, 2003.
- On November 13, 1991, the National Park Service (NPS) submitted correspondence requesting restoration of the impacted area after bridge construction, submittal of structural specifications for the bridge, and resolution of growth inducing effects of the bridge and AB@Street. On March 19, 1992, NPS sent a letter to Regional Planning agreeing to a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, stating that all impacts will be mitigated to insignificance with the proposed mitigation measures.
- Vesting Tentative Tract No. 49899 was given tentative approval by a Hearing Officer on July 21, 1992. The Hearing Officer also adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration along with the Mitigation Monitoring Program agreed to by NPS. This approval was not appealed to the Regional Planning Commission.
- In a letter to David E. Janssen dated June 12, 2001, FEMA indicated information submitted and reviewed regarding placement of fill and construction of the bridge met minimum floodplain management criteria.
- During the public hearing on the Oak Tree Permit, the Regional Planning Commission requested that Public Works analyze lengthening the bridge. On December 4, 2001, Public Works sent a memo to Regional Planning indicating that their review indicated no material improvement to downstream hydraulics with a longer bridge.
- On March 13, 2002, the Regional Planning Commission approved Oak Tree Permit No. 98-161, relating to improvements necessary for development of Vesting Tentative Tract No. 49899. The Regional Planning Commission's findings in

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support of the Oak Tree Permit contain detailed information on the bridge. Finding No. 5 describes the proposed bridge, and Finding Nos. 20 and 22 state that documentation in the County's environmental review file for Vesting Tentative Tract No. 49899 shows that the bridge and its potential biological and visual impacts were considered during the environmental review of the Tract.

The second issue is verification that the mitigation measures specified in the Mitigation Monitoring Program as required prior to, or concurrent with, map recordation have been met. We have not received any written verification from the NPS. However, based on review by Regional Planning and Parks and Recreation involving discussions with the applicant and NPS regarding their Mitigation Monitoring conditions, County staff is satisfied that the NPS conditions related to recordation of the final map have been satisfied.

Staff from Public Works, Regional Planning, and County Counsel will be available at the continued hearing on December 10, 2002.

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